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SUBJECT: DENKTASH COMMENTS ON HIS MEETING WITH MAKARIOS

1. SUMMARY: AT JAN 28 BRIEFING OF TURK CYPRIOT JOURNALISTS
ON HIS MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, DENKTASH KEPT DOOR
OPEN FOR FLEXIBILITY IN PRINCIPLE ON ISSUES OF REFUGEE RETURN,
PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BUT STRESSED THAT
RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES WOULD DEPEND ON ATTITUDINAL CHANGES
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AND NEGOTIATED ARRANGEMENTS WHICH PRESERVED SEPARATE TURKISH
FEDERATED STATE AND SAFEGUARDED TURKISH SECURITY. DENKTASH RE-
PEATED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT LAND OWNERSHIP IS 32.8 PERCENT AND
SAID BOTH SIDES MUST PREPARE MAPS AND THEN START NEGOTIATIONS
ON THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF PRESS BRIEFING FOLLOWS:

QUESTION: ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE YOU HAVE STATED THAT WE OWN 32.8 PERCENT OF THE LAND. HAVE YOU TOLD THIS TO THE OTHER SIDE?

ANSWER: TWO THINGS WERE STATED: OUR LAND OWNERSHIP IS 32.8 PERCENT. THIS WILL BE PUT ON A MAP AND WE SHALL HAVE A PICTURE, AND THE BORDER READJUSTMENT WILL BE MADE ACCORDINGLY. THE DISCUSSION IS HOW THIS READJUSTMENT WILL BE MADE HERE AND THERE. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF MAKING A GIFT OF OUR LAND.

QUESTION: WAS THE QUESTION OF DISPLACED PERSONS DISCUSSED?

ANSWER: THE QUESTION OF DISPLACED PERSONS IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONNECTED WITH THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE. WHEN THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE IS SETTLED, WE SHALL KNOW HOW MANY DISPLACED PERSONS CAN RETURN TO THEIR VILLAGES. THE QUESTION OF HOW MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONDITIONS FOR SUCH AN ACCOMMODATION HAS ALSO BEEN RAISED. THIS QUESTION EXISTED IN THE PAST TOO. THIS CAN BE DISCUSSED. OUR SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPORTANT. WE SHALL DISCUSS THIS TOO.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF 20 PERCENT OF THEIR DISPLACED PERSONS TO THE NORTH?

ANSWER: SUCH A PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO US.

QUESTION: HAS A MAP BEEN PREPARED?

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ANSWER: NO, NO UNILATERAL MAP CAN BE DRAWN UP. BOTH SIDES MUST PREPARE THEIR OWN MAP AND PUT THEIR IDEAS ON IT. THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A REALISTIC APPROACH. THUS WE SHALL BE ABLE TO COMPARE THE MAPS, AND START NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS OUR VIEW. NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON THIS SUBJECT.

QUESTION: WAS VAROSHA DISCUSSED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING, OR HAS ANY PROPOSAL BEEN SUBMITTED ON VAROSHA?

ANSWER: NO CONCRETE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED ON ANY SUBJECT, BUT EVERY ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

QUESTION: WAS THE QUESTION OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT DISCUSSED?

ANSWER: IF CYPRUS IS GOING TO BE A FEDERATION, EVERYBODY WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO ALL PARTS OF THE ISLAND ONCE SECURITY ANXIETIES ARE REMOVED. THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE. WHEN WILL THERE BE NO SECURITY ANXIETIES, WHEN WILL THE PAST BE FORGOTTEN,

WHEN WILL A GREEK CYPRIOT FEEL HE CAN COME AND SIT AT A TURKISH CYPRIOT OWNED COFFEE SHOP IN COMFORT? FOR 11 YEARS A TURKISH CYPRIOT COULD NOT GO TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT SECTOR IN COMFORT, HE HAD FEARS AND ANXIETIES; ALL THESE DEPEND ON THE ATTITUDES OF THE LEADERS AND ON THE CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENTS. IT WOULD BE WRONG TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THIS NOW AND TO STATE THAT THIS OR THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IF A FEDERATION AND A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN BE SET UP, EVERYBODY WILL BE ABLE TO GO WHEREVER HE DESIRES IN THE SAME WAY AS PEOPLE DO IN SWITZERLAND.

CONTINUING, DENKTASH RHETORICALLY ASKED: WILL PEOPLE BE ABLE TO RESIDE WHEREVER THEY LIKE? THIS, AGAIN, WILL BE REGULATED THROUGH LAWS DEPENDING ON THE AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SECURITY FACTORS AND THE FACT THAT THE TWO REGIONS WILL HAVE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIONS. AGAIN NOTHING INFLEXIBLE CAN BE SAID ABOUT THIS NOW. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTION IS THE FORMATION OF THE TWO SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIONS IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND THE FORMATION OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THESE ARE THE MAIN FACTORS. THERE IS NO NEED FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP RIGHTS, FOR NATURALLY EVERYBODY IS ENTITLED TO THIS RIGHT. THE QUESTION IS HOW TO DEAL WITH THE TURKISH PROPERTY IN THE GREEK REGION AND THE GREEK PROPERTY IN THE TURKISH REGION. AND THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENTS. THIS IS THE REALITY; NOBODY'S RIGHT HAS BEEN USURPED.

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QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE OTHER SIDE'S VIEWS ON THE MATTER?

ANSWER: THEY HAVE MISGIVINGS ON THESE SUBJECTS. WE ARE EXPRESSING OUR VIEWS QUITE FRANKLY IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THESE MISGIVINGS. WE ARE STATING THAT IF THE PRINCIPLE IS ACCEPTED AND APPLIED, IF A BIREGIONAL FEDERATION IS SATISFACTORYLY ESTABLISHED, THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. ALL THESE ISSUES CAN BE SETTLED THROUGH MUTUAL GOODWILL AND PROVIDED THAT THE SECURITY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ADMINISTRATIVE LIBERTY OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IS NOT ENDANGERED ONCE AGAIN.

QUESTION: IN HIS STATEMENT YESTERDAY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS SAID THAT THERE WAS WIDE DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS ON BASIC ISSUES. ...WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS?

ANSWER: I DO NOT THINK THAT THE ATTITUDE IS AS RIGID AS YOU ARE STATING. WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND REASONABLE IN THE LIGHT OF THE REALITIES. IF THEY PROPOSE THE DISSOLVING OF THE SEPARATE TURKISH CYPRIOT REGION, THEY WOULD TORPEDO THE TALKS AT THEIR BASE. WE HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED SUCH A PROPOSAL. END TEXT
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